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George's head had appeared at the

riages remained at a little distance.

With a stealthy glance I observed

"You have lost the sun," he said.

have lost all the stars of the firma

will have to fight with your antag-

don't forget what I have said. Above

All my self-possession returned : my

heart beat rather hard, but I delibe

rately took my place, lit up by some

rays of sunlight, and threw, off my

hat, coat and waistcoat. My adver-

paces apart, measuring each other with

one after the other, the bottoms of my

trowsers; then I tightened the waist

band so as to support my hips, and,

pulling up the shirt, puffed it out

around the breast, in order that the

sword might catch there without enter-

George came up and extended to

me one of the swords which he and

another of the secones had just

measured, then, crossing the weapons,

Like a man accustomed to the sur-

prise of the first moments, my adver-

sary retreated a step. The blades be-

quis advanced two steps, and then at

tacked me with a rapid disengage-

ments. I parried, retreating quickly

and sent him a riposte which made

him in turn retreat. There was no

exhausted. As for me, my heart beat

gave the effect of complete submersion

All at once the Marquis exposed his

shoulder for perhaps a second; I

stretched out my arm and felt a slight

resistence; the point entered. I drop-

ped the s. ord as if it had burnt my

"O, pardon me, sir!" I exclaimed

The first moment, quite involuntary,

to, is too beg pardon, as of some one

whom you have accidently hurt. The

sensation is very like that caused by

treading on gentleman's foot. The

wound; the shoulder and arm stiffed

Saint V- bending over him with

George carefully wiped the swords

"Bravo, my little Gaston!" he said,

C--- was saying to Saint V-

smiled rather gloomily.

in learning to swim.

he uttered the preparatory.

"Begin, gentlemen!"

likened my frieud George to the most came somewhat engaged. With the

trying moment of all.

"With my luck, you might as well

and burst into a peal of laughter.

"Get out." he said to me.

at the doctor with a smile.

George came toward me.

ment, one after the other."

carriage door.

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my eyes over them, and saw the names of two members of our club.

A discussion of the previous evenmy mind, and although secretly wishing myself out of this foolish affair, I begged these gentlemen to excuse my not receiving them, and invited them to call that afternoon at three o'clock upon George J-, one of my oldest friends, an officer of African chasseurs, on Icave at Paris, in order to meet de B-, my other second, and arrange the conditions of the duel.

These gentlemen gone, Joseph made George to explain my affair.

"My dear friend," he said to me, "as this is a first duel, here is my opinion : You are very young, absolutely without excuse; if you meet him, good; if you beat, better yet."

"I must write at once to de Band go to the smith's about my swords."

"No need of that. Go to the fencing hall to get back your fighting hand and legs. Practice an hour, not more or you will do too much. I will let de B- know. As for the swords, there are mine, which are lucky."

I smiled with a constrained air, and pressed his hand. A significant grasp, a convulsive energy, to be found only under certain circustances. Then I hurried to the hall, and spoke to my fencing master, who in view of the improtance of the case, exercised me for an hour in counter of quarte, retreating with feints from the arm. I left the hall in delight, armed with the benediction of my fencing-master, who pledged his head that I should wound my adversary. Going to Durand's, I practised all the way counters of quarte with my cane, to do honor to Cordeloi's teaching, I could think of nothing but my duel. I wanted to talk of it to everbody. Had the Marquis de C., against whom I had no grudge offered the fullest apologies, I should have refused them with spirit.

At Durand's I found George and do B--. We all three breakfasted to-The holders of the Checks, have the checks have the privilege of either purchasing the article thereon described, or of exchanging for any article mentioned on our catalogue, numbering over 500 different articles, not one of which can be purchased in the usual manner for the same money.

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gether. The whole talk was of duels. Of course George recounted to me his meetings in Algeria, from which it appeared that one is very seldom killed in cold blood with the sword. I coolly declared that I would drink the blood of the Marquis, at which George laughed outright. I asked myself if I should send him also a couple of seconds. On the whole, no. He was very fond of gether. The whole talk was of duels. the whole, no. He was very fond of me; beside, I suspected I was becomlittle ing a too much of the bully.

> These gentlemen left me in order to meet my adversary's seconds. I went nome. A little nervous excitement. I was short with Joseph, who did not know what to make of it. I got on my horse as usual, and went to the Bois de Boulonge. Every one spoke air, and listened politely, I talked and no matter what." bowed a great deal. Charming, the Bois. Magnificent weather. Autumn toilet-the prettiest possible. Two danscuses of the ballet-troupe stopped shirt with scrupulous care. their victoria.

"Tell me," said little V---. you really going to fight the Marquis de C--- to-morrow?"

"Yes. Don't mention it; it is not public. To-morrow morning with swords."

"Ah! my poor Gaston! Good luck. Her jet-black eyes smiled a caress that charmed and drew me. I followed the carriage at an easy gallop. She regarded me with a softened air. The look turned my head add I began to think it a fine thing to have a duel. Perceiving George at a distance, on his Arabian, I moderated the pace of my thoroughbred. George joined me.

"You will fight to-morrow at four in the afternoon, at Vesinet. The arrangements are all made. Keep cool during the affair. Your antagonist is nothing remarkable, but he has had three duels, and fences pretty well. We will go to the hall together to-morrow before breakfast."

"Very well," I replied laconically.

sisted in being extremely gay. I tried enough, no need to fatigue yourself for to be witty, and made bad jokes. nothing." It was scarcely dawn when my valet George was thoughtful and silent. We went for the doctor; a common knocked at my door. Two cards were From time to time, however, I saw a friend and old college comrade. A in his hand. Drowsily enough I cast smile cross lips. I imagine be under- good liver, with a frank, merry face stood my flow of spirits.

On returning I dined with George and de B-, and afterward, when I ing with the Marquis de C, returned to proposed taking a box at the Bouffes, his pocket aside that I might not see. we all went to the theatre together. Lint, some bandages, a few little The four seconds greeted each to other The conversation was the same as in phials, and a bottle of pure water, the morning, though even more per-

"Your adversary is taller than you," said George to me. "You shall retreat sional moments of unu al gravity. but keep your sword aimed at his body | Spite of the carelessness of my charas much as possible, and if you see an acter, I was afraid of making a fool opening, stretch out your arm, but of myself. When no one saw me, I don't lunge."

"Bah?" said I, laughing; "let us my toilet quickly, and I hastened to have supper, and talk of something vated me. What I dreaded was neithelse. To-morrow will be time enough for all that. I mean to enjoy my last night."

That was the fourth or fifth time that I had spoken of my last night, last evening, last dinner,-allusions in questionable taste.

"You will oblige me by committing no follies, and taking yourself off to sleep early this evening. De B- and I are going to talk awhile with you, and see you to bed, and to-morrow at ten I shall come for you to go to the fencing-room.

I remonstrated but to no purpose, and after the play we all went to my apartments. We lit cigars, chatted an hour, and then my friend went away, leaving me alone, face to face with myself, and the prospect of the morrow.

Naturally I desired to set my affairs

Hardly had I begun to take out the various papers, bills, inventories, and letters, when I saw them its such disorder that I pushed them all back pellmell into the drawer, without the courage to examine farther.

So I simply wrote a short letter, in the most tender terms, to my mother, sealed and addressed it carefully, and left it on my bureau. Then I went to bed, and, contrary, to my expectations. was able to sleep. My last conscious thought was this: Who knows if to-morrow evening I shall see this chamber once more? Who knows if I shall ever again lie down upon this hed?

On waking the first thing I saw was George's head beside my pillow. In a second the thought of my first duel flashed across me, and I felt a sort of the back seat I gazed at the landscape, oppression at the heart. Then, after smoking all the while with an absent the first hand-clasp, I examined his dress,--black coat, light trowsers, face, his black mustache emphasizing other sound than the clashing of steel; pearl-gray gloves. I was sure he had his manly countenance. His eyes never in the silence was heard the gasping of taking his head for an egg, settled down intentionally avoided the lugubrious lost sight of me, and now and again toilet common on such 6ceasions. He preceived my impression.

"My dear fellow," said he, "it is no longer the custom to go to such a meeting as to a burial; it is a simple prome-

I rang for my valet.

"Joseph," said George, bring your master the stiffest starched shirt you of my duel, which began to be noised can find, with a turned-down collar. they glittered after the grinding and hand. abroad. I put on my most indifferent Then get me his oldest pair of boots, sharpening of the evening before.

> ed a moment later with the objects over his lips, and, in spite of myself, I designated. George examined the secretly found them a little too well "Good. That will do. Now take

these boots to the shoemaker, and tell him to cut off the heels close to the sole-like this. Go, and be quick."

was passing. "It is important," he explained, "not to have the heel catch and make you lose your balance when you are handling a sword. Beside, you want your foot firm, but not pressed too hard. It is superb weather. You are really fortunate. You can fight in linen trowsers, which is much the most convenient dress."

Decidedly my friend George took gigantic proportions in my eyes. Withshowed me: black coat, black waistcoat, white linen trousers. A few minutes more and we were at the hall. George appeared very well satisfied with my fencing, but renewed his recommendations of the day before, to which I listened with all my ears.

His last words had somewhat damp- you advance, -good, -capital! When greatest coolness,ed my enthusiasm. I was less pleased | you quit your adversary's sword to atwith the prospect before me. Never- tack, disengage, and lunge below his still some way off?" NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING. A with the prospect before me. Neverband loss, I kept up appearances, and perband. Well done! There that's He looked at me in astonishment trumps, what should I do?"

and jovini eye, and ready to do anything for us all. He took his case of surgical instruments, slipped it into lute need of the occupation. The carwhich he gave to the conchman.

All three of us break ted with de B- The meal was with oceathe waiting at once excited and ener- money. er wounds nor death, but the unknown: in a word that inseparable emotion of a first debut, which has become proverbial. I felt the need of locomotion, of occupation, mental or physical. I gave way to abrupt, nervous movements, hard bursts of laughter. And yet I was not afraid. We talked a great deal, and it was noticeable that whenever the conversation wandered away all, keep cool," from the palpitating p. esent one us involuntarily recalled it.

"Tell me. Doctor," I said to Escula pius, "Do you consider four o'clock in the afternoon a good time to fight?"

"Assuredly," roplied L-, tranquilly; "you have no uncertainties and tremors of too early rising; you are at your case; digestion is effected, and that allows the performance of an

Against my will I shuddered at that phrase, performance of an operaption, uttered with so much placidity. To turn it off I went to the piano

Just then the footman came to tell us that our laudau was at the door. "Come," said George, "we have no time to lose. We have still to go for

the other gentleman who will take us to Saint V--'s Park. That is where the affair is to take place; nobody will disturb us there. Come on." I took my hat quickly. 1 had the honor of being the first outside, but in

the depths of my heart I am afraid I

accomplished of torturers. We got into the landau. The other gentlemen were ail ready, and went on which dazzled in the sun. The Mar-To me it seemed interminable. From air. Opposite me was George's pale

his hand energetically pressed mine.

Beside me sat the doctor's good comfortable figure. In the bottom of the carriage were the light swords, with curved guards and large hilts, easy in hand, not too long, nor so flexible as easily to turn the edge. I felt a childish delight in unsheathing them as we drove along, and seeing how Then I pressed my finger over the Joseph seemed surprised, but return- point, as an epicure passes his finger

At last the end of our route appeared. As we turned to the left I preceived the park railing, at which something seemed tighten suddenly about I listened in bewilderment while this | my heart. But I lit another cigar, and went on smoking with the greatest apparent tranquility.

The carriages stopped. We had ceased to talk, -involutarily our veices friend the doctor, probing the wound had become hourse and bollow. I put and bathing it with fresh water, the my head out of the door, and George Marquis reclining on one side, and jumped down. The other gentlemen parleyed with the porter, who opened those eternal red gioves which kept up the gates. Not a soul was about the a shining like the morocco of topchateau. The first carriage paoceeded | boots: slowly along the alley, conducted by the porter, cap in had. No one spoke. and sheathed them. Then he came up out a word I put on the things he The alley was narrow and shady. The to me, his mustache biting in a smile gates had been closed again. Nothing which he had the good taste to swalnow was heard save the wheels turning low; his his eyes sparkling with pleaslowly and grating with a sharp sound sure. on the gravel of the garden. We turned to right, then to left, with fre- in a low voice; now, my boy, go and quent stoppages, as if following a fu- shake hands." neral procession. I bent down to the I made no objection, and approach-"That's it, stick him in the arm as doctor's ear, and whispered with the ed the group just as the Marquis de

"Do you know if the family vault is "I leave it to you Saint V ----, with

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play, of course." "Good! I have been in the wrong, then. Well,-that is odd, my dear De B- took the swords, and we Saint V-, I should have given."

jumped out. I still smoked my cigar "Will you permit me, sir," I intermechanically, because I felt in absoposed, "to offer my most humble apologies ?" "Not at all, my dear fellow," he re-

plied, extending his hand; "you were and talked together some moments. perfectly right; the play was the true The ground was measured,-I looked game,' I confess that, on returning, the "Bah!" he said to me, "it will go off

sunset, to my eyes, assumed the most exquisite tints. My heart was full; I was conscious of an extreme need of my adversary. He seemed exceeding- expression, and gayety perhaps even ly indifferent, and was also smoking. more unnatural than that of our destole a glance at the clock; obviously. The seconds tossed up some pieces of portment. Nothing but George's sideglances restrained me.

The incidents of the duel were disussed.

"Do you think, Doctor, the poor have tried for the moon; I should Marquis will have a long time of it?" "Pooh! Fifteen days or three weeks of a sling."

"And you have lost the swords. You "Did you notice." George asked me, "Saint V---'s sublime calm ?" onist's. Well, take off your coat, and "My dear fellow, I noticed nothing

about him but his red gloves." Many times since, I have had a couple of gentlemen come to rouse me, with their cards, at those early morning hours sacred to the rag-pickers and the washer-women. But never again have I experienced the sensary and I stood face to face, three sations, at once full of fear and fascination, of that first duel. Never have the eye. That is certainly the most I felt the enervation, the impatience, the feverish excitements and the heart-Perfectly cool, I stooped to turn up, throbs of my first expedition to Vesinet.

-Senator Carpenter in a recent speech at Milwaukee, said: I was standing by one of our Wisconsin regiments when being mustered out, it finally broke ranks in the streets of Milwaukee. I shall never forget a brief conversation I heard between a citizen and one of the soldiers who had just stepped out of the ranks. After the ordinary salutations, "Well" said said the citizen, "well, Johu, you must have seen a good many tough sights." "Yes," said John, "I would not sell what I have seen for a hundred thousand dollars, and I would not see it again for a hundred millions." corner of my eyes I regarded Saint

-A certain genial, bald-headed gen-V-'s red gloves, brand-new ones, tleman, while in Paris, went one day the Zoological Gardens. The ther was oppressive, and he lay down upon a bench. Presently be went to sleep, and was soon awakened by a warmth about his head. An infatuted ostrich had come along, and miswith a determination to hatch it out. our laboring breasts; we were both

-The night of the storm boat exterribly, and my profuse perspiration plosion at Oswego, a guest at one of the hotels requested to be called at five o'clock in the morning, and on being aroused by the explosion, with a rattling of windows and wash pitchers he sprang out of bed promptly, calling out to the the supposed porter.

"That will do; you needen't make such a d-d noise about it."

-An elderly lady, in Connecticut, who lost her purse a short time since at New Haven, declared on its being restored to her, that she would not attempt to interfere with the reward that was stored up in Heaven for the finder. blood gushed freely from a pretty deep by offering him money. A considerate person that.

the Marquis, supported under a tree, -A gentleman paid a pretty compliment to a beautiful German lady at I put on my things a little apart; Newport, by telling her she resembled I must own to a certain pleasure in rethe Prussian army, "How so?" she suming my coat while contemplating asked. "You are winning," was the at a distace the group formed by my reply.

-"I'll commit you as a nuisance," said a policeman to a noisy loafer, a few days since. "No one has a right to commit a nuisance," was the apt reply, and the fellow moved on.

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-Mrs. Partington says the sun has been on the equinox for a fortnight, which accounts for the unclementable ness of the weather.

-Tew freshen a salt mackerel, tow queen of spades second and two him one summer behind a steam bote. -[Josh Billings,